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Next Meeting WEDNESDAY March 17th 2010.

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Elva Shawyer, Kel Staples, and Peter Speer.**

2010 PROGRAMME March 17th 2010.

Last year we had a very well received presentation by our judge, Lesley Gunn , about her trip to Ecuador. This meeting Lesley will give us an encore of that trip, looking at different aspects, and entitled "Ecuador Revisited". This will be an excellent presentation, well researched, and delivered in Lesley's breezy style about orchids from one of the world;s most orchid rich zones.

We will also have an auction - see further on!

BIRTHDAYS FOR March 2010

Happy Birthday to these members who are celebrating their birthdays this month..

Joe Cassar	Peter French	Judith Gardner
Gwen Staples	Jill Taylor	Kevin Whibley

Next Committee Meeting:	Pulteney Grammar School	22 nd March. 2010	7.30pm
Next Judges Meeting	Pulteney Grammar School	Monday 7 th June.	7.30pm
Next SA Regional Judging Panel Meeting:		Monday 15 th March	7:30pm
	Pulteney Grammar School South Tce. Adelaide		

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I wonder how many of you went home after the last meeting and looked at your fertilizers to see if they contained trace elements. I did. The four pots of different fertilizers that Neutrog representative, Paul Dipuglia, gave us had them, in different quantities and kinds, but they are there. So we can experiment and see how much better we can grow our orchids.

My father was a soil scientist and he would have approved of Neutrog as he was very keen on using the right trace elements of our soils. Hopefully, as a result of the last meeting, we will all have plants flowering for the Saroc Fair and for our O.G. Road show, and we will make the judges' job very hard indeed!

I'll see you twice in March. At the meeting when Lesley Gunn will give us all itchy feet for travel, and then at Reservoir Rd where we can all mix around and chat to each other over lunch.

Keep well, keep happy, and enjoy orchids..

Jill..

LAST MEETING

Last month Mr. Paul Dipuglia, from Neutrog Fertilisers gave us a talk about Neutrog products and their application to our plants. A successful South Australian company, Neutrog is very successful on the national scene, too. A representative sample of their products was distributed to members present, although most would already be aware of the virtues of their products. Their newest, Strikeback, is especially formulated for cymbidium orchids and recommended by the Cymbidium Club. I noted that it contains a significant proportion of calcium, an essential component for optimum growth with cymbidium orchids.

Garry Simcock provided some of his yummy vanilla slice for us to share at supper, ably partnered by Val Speer. Thank you for your help.

Don't forget to check out the trading table in the foyer, supervised as always by Kevin and Jan Whibley.

THIS MEETING

Wednesday 17th March 2010.

Last July, Lesley Gunn gave us a talk about orchids in the wild in Ecuador, supplemented with some beautiful photos of orchids growing there. This meeting, she will again give us a talk about other aspects of her visit, and which will be sure to be as well received as her last very popular talk. I eagerly look forward to it as I'm sure you will too.

Library facilities and trading table will be in operation and refreshments at the end of the meeting.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Last chance to renew subs for this year or miss out next month's Review.

Please note members that subs. for 2010 are now overdue if you haven't renewed...

They remain at \$20 for single membership, and \$30 per couple, which we believe is excellent value for 12 meetings, monthly Review, opportunities to show your plants with a competent AOC judging panel, some subsidised activities and together with organised social outings.

KEL'S CORNER.

The meeting of 17th Feb. was well attended, although as expected at this time of year, overall totals of plants were down. There were a number of excellent plants brought along by the Wilsons. A couple of notable absentees this year will be the Phillips's and the Himes, who have indicated that time is catching up.. Unfortunately they will be missed at meetings, having supported our Society for many years.. We wish them all well.

On the Open Div. John Nicholls benched a *Cym canaliculatum*, not the usual coloured form, but the very lovely and rare alba variety in a clear lemon colour, growing in a 25 cm pot with one raceme half out.

R & B Wilson's 12 cm pot of a white dendrobium had 8 white blooms and 5 buds, a nice dendrobium. *Rlc(Blc)Mahaha Gold x Ctt(C)* Chocolate Drop filling a 25 cm squat pot an 2 racemes with 4 blooms each and of

a dark tan colour. Another attractive but seldom seen orchid was a *Lcaste* Strange Charm, growing nicely in a 12 cm pot filled with bulbs, one growth and 2 individual flowers, unusually coloured with green petals dotted with brown dots the labellums yellow. This one brought in by the Wilsons.

A Ctna`Lea belonging to the Huddlestons in a 12 cm pot had two nice round deep pink flowers of high quality.

Noel Oliver's Ctt(C) Valentine's Day was in a 20 cm pot with 5 strong growths and 1 raceme which held 13 deep pink/purple flowers.

Kevin Trevan showed his *Srts* Toowoomba Sparkle `Coconut Ice' An upright grower with closely spaced leaves, it had 9 open blooms with many more buds still to open on the raceme, a very fine plant and a reliable flowerer for Kevin.

A striking plant of the long petalled *Paph* Mount Toro belonging to the Hazledines had 2 upright spikes of 4 blooms on a strong growing plant. This type seems to do well when grown into larger plants – a really high class orchid.

R & L Gunn's *Enc alata* had 2 racemes, the larger with 15 well displayed flowers. With brown segments and cream coloured lips. A tough floriferous species, parent of the showy but hardy *Enc. Bee's Knees*.

On the First Div., Brian & Shirley Brand showed 3 strong plants of their lovely Ctt(C) Valentine's Day `Osborne' a superior strong growing variety with clusters of shiny purple/red blooms on sturdy stems.

Another similar flowered Valentine's Day was Murray Baulderstone's, similar colouring to the Brand's but with white lips, red banded at the front, with other racemes to open.

Another nice cattleya was Ian Attenborough's C Angelwalker x Lc Bonanza Queen, with 2 10cm pink flowers.

On Second Div, Pat & John Carman's C Kew had small growths with 2 pink blooms. If I may suggest, I would repot into a smaller pot for better root growth – possibly wait until spring time when new growths are seen.

From now on, we will see more cymbidiums benched. Up till now we have had hot and dry conditions with little rain, which has had everyone watching their watering and shading. From now on, we'll see our rewards for that earlier care.

Good growing.

Kel Staples.

SOCIAL LUNCH OUTING. Thursday 25th March.

Vice President Alan Davies has booked our Society in for lunch at the Civic Park Family Restaurant, 171 Reservoir Rd Modbury, to start at 12 noon on Thursday 25th March

. Members living on the south side of Adelaide have time to organise transport amongst themselves if they wish to save on transport costs.

There's no reason the very pleasant day out last November can't be repeated. Cost is \$12 with a Seniors Card, otherwise \$14.

Keep that date in mind for a pleasant afternoon out.

SHOW DATES 2010

**SAROC FAIR 12th-13th June
(Queen's Birthday Long
Weekend) Display put-in-- Friday
evening 11th June at Pulteney
Grammar School.**

**MID YEAR SHOW 26th-27th JUNE
KLEMZIG COMMUNITY CENTRE
7 O.G. Rd KLEMZIG.**

**WINTER SHOW 1st -7th AUGUST
STOCKLANDS SHOPPING
CENTRE SALISBURY.**

**SPRING SHOW 12th – 18th
SEPTEMBER
BURNSIDE VILLAGE SHOPPING
CENTRE**

GUEST SPEAKER TOPICS for 2010.

MARCH -Lesley Gunn "ECUADOR REVISITED"

APRIL- Trevor Jacob ""Wierdo Wonders of the Orchid World"

MAY -Dr.Tony Bourne Fertilisers Composition ,Rates and Timing of Application.

JUNE Mrs Helen Grant ""Floral Art Arrangements using Orchids."

JULY Mrs Jane Higgs "Terrestrial Orchids for All.

AUGUST Mr Trevor Garrard "Phalaenopsis Culture and Breeding".

Remainder of programmes .to be confirmed

CHEERIOS.

We have had a number of our members on the sick list over the recent summer months.

We extend our best wishes to you all for a speedy recovery to good health now that the worst of the summer heat seems to be over.

The list I have got includes **Geoff Salman**, **Bobby McCauley** (Peter's mum), **Shirley Brand** (who's still in hospital at time of writing) **Robyn Dunn**, and **Peter Galpin**.

If anyone knows of other members who might appreciate a heartfelt cheerio from us all, please let me know. Ed.

SILENT AUCTION.

We indicated previously that we would trial a silent auction at one of our meetings, and Committee has decided that we'll have a trial run at the next meeting.

We're going to auction two plants, one nice plant of the awarded cluster cattleya, C. Portia `Cannizaro', and one nice plant of C

Valentine's Day `Osborne", seen on our show benches last month.

Here's how it works ---

The owner benches his plant prior to the start of the meeting with the Reserve price displayed. If, at the end of the meeting, there is a bid above the reserve, the highest price bidder takes the plant, the Society gets the difference between the reserve and the top bid, and the seller gets his reserve price.

Bids are made by writing your offer (together with your name or initials) on a list next to the plant. If you think the plant's worth more than the previous bidder's, then you add your bid to the list.

We will have time before the meeting for you to inspect the plants and write your bid, more time at an interval during the evening programme, and a short time at the end of the meeting to review the prices offered (and raise your bid if you like). Then the winners will be declared

If this is successful, we will have a larger auction later in the year, when anyone with a duplicate of a nice plant can offer it for auction. Let's see how our trial this month works out.

ORCHID RACEME PRESENTATION.

The following refers in the main to presenting your cymbidium spikes, but also refers to making sure your other orchids are presented to the viewer to their best advantage, too.

Often, at shows, I've seen plants displayed with short stakes, which results in the flowers drooping over and not being at the proper angle so that people can see into the lips of the flowers.

I recently looked at computer disks of digital slides taken at last year's National Cymbidium Show, and the difference it makes when the florets on the spikes are aligned and looking at the viewer is very noticeable. Some plants have blooms which naturally display themselves well – most phalaenopsis spikes come to mind, but there are many which, with a bit of careful attention, could look so much better, and incidentally, impress the judges too

The fact is, there are many clones now in our collections which, at their best, are taking out championship honours. A number of instances come to mind where competition is very even, and growers should be aware that spike habit and presentation are judged, and can make the difference between a class winner and a Champion award.

Most cymbidiums are exhibited with upright spikes (they're easier to train and to transport to the shows, but a gently arching spike with florets evenly displayed has a special appeal to some judges. Evidence for this can be seen from the results from last year's Sydney 'National orchid Extravaganza' at Dural, where an arching spray of the large pink Cym Lunar Blaze from G LeMarne was adjudged Champion over another magnificent pink intermediate Cym Khanebono 'Jacinta' from G Serhan with upright spikes.,

Training of spikes can begin when they are about 10 cm long before the buds emerge, when a judiciously placed springy plastic label can help encourage a wayward spike to point towards the heavens rather than to develop sideways (This does not apply to the pendulous racemes of some minis, which we want to trail over the edge of the pot so they can be hung up with blooms cascading down over the edge of the container)

Long stakes should be inserted (hammered in, in cases I've seen when Geoff Spear is trying to put stakes in pots full of roots). For growers like me, who need to preserve all the roots we can in the pots, insert the stakes more towards the centre of the pot, as roots grow outwards and tend to wind round and round the rim of the container. Stakes poked in there will do more damage to the root system.

As the spikes develop, tie them loosely to the stakes to keep them growing in the direction preferred.

If you are in the habit of shifting your plants, make sure they are oriented the same way after moving the pots, as the spikes can have a tendency to twist towards the brightest light source – usually the northwards facing the sun. This is most important after the buds have emerged from the sheath.

Growers have different means of ensuring the spikes extend straight and true – some use Nie co-rols, a proprietary brand with a string on a spring which is anchored around and then above the spike, some use elastic or rubber bands attached to pegs and some use rubber bands around the spikes fixed to strings kept attached to the roofs – there are many ways which you can try.. Just don't fiddle with spikes or buds early in the mornings when the temperatures are low. Most fiddlers have had buds or spikes break off in their hands.,

Even after all your efforts, some buds have a habit of turning inwards towards the main stem. This probably is hereditary, and some clones are more liable to this problem. In most cases, the defect can be minimised by placing the fingers around the pedicel of the flower (the stalk which joins the bloom to the main stem), and warming it with your fingers. It is then more pliable and the bloom can be turned or gradually twisted to its correct position.

A word of warning to exhibitors – judges know all the tricks, and visible evidence of tampering with the blooms (like bruised edges along the petals, twisty grooves on the pedicels etc) will be heavily penalised in judging situations.,



Spike habit spoiled by overcrowding.

STANDARD LAELIINAE 80MM & OVER

Open Div		
1 st	C Gakuen Walker	R & B Wilson
2 nd	C Rosie's Surprise	R & B Wilson
First Div.		
1 st	C Angel Walker x Lc Bonanza Queen	I Attenborough

STANDARD LAELIINAE UNDER 80mm

Open Div		
1 st	Ctna Capri `Lea`	S & B Huddleston
2 nd	C Mini Purple `Tamami`	D & G Cook
3 rd	Ctna Capri x Blc Dal's Reward	D & G Cook

NON STANDARD LAELIINAE

Open Div		
1 st	Rlc Makaha Gold x C Chocolate Drop	R & B Wilson
2 nd	Epi Pacific Classic	G & M Hazledine
Second Div		
1 st	C Kew	J & P Carman

NON STANDARD CLUSTER LAELIINAE

Open Div		
1 st	C Valentine Day	N Oliver
2 nd	Gs/ Mary Elizabeth Bohn	R & B Wilson
First Div		
1 st	C Valentine Day `March`	M Bauldestone
2 nd	C Valentine Day `Osborne`	B & S Brand
3 rd	C valentine Day `Osborne`	B & S Brand

SPECIES LAELIINAE

Open Div		
1 st	C loddigesii `	R & B Wilson
2 nd	<i>Enc. alata</i>	R & L Gunn

NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUM

Open Div		
1 st	<i>Paph.</i> Mt. Toro	G & M Hazledine

COMPETITION RESULTS JANUARY 2010

2 nd	<i>Paph</i> Duke of Earl	K & G Staples
3 rd	Curtophyllum	K & G Staples

DENDROBIUMS.

Open Div		
1 st	Unknown	R & B Wilson

MISCELLANEOUS

Open Div.		
1 st	<i>Phrag</i> Andean Fire	J & D Higgs
2 nd	<i>Phrag</i> Mem. Dick Clements	J & D Higgs
3 rd	Lyc Strange Charm	R & B Wilson

SEEDLING

Open Div		
1 st	Ctna Capri x Blc Dal's Reward	D & G Cook
2 nd	Epi Pacific Classic	G & M Hazledine
3 rd	Zga Adelaide Meadows x Z Titanic	K Trevan

ZYGOPETALUM

Open Div		
1 st	Zga Adelaide Meadows x Z Titanic	k Trevan
2 nd	Zpb Elfin Jade x Zga Dynamo	K Trevan
3 rd	Prom Dinah Albright x Guttata	K Trevan

POPULAR VOTE

Open Div		
1 st	<i>Paph</i> Mt. Toro	G & M Hazledine
2 nd	Blc Makaha Gold x C Chocolate Drop	R & B Wilson
3 rd	<i>C Rosie's Surprise</i>	R & B Wilson
First Div		
1 st	Lc . Valentine Day `March`	M Baulderstone
2 nd	C Angel Walker x Lc Bonanza Queen	I Attenborough
3 rd	Lc Valentine Day `Osborne`	B & S Brand
Second Div		
1 st	C. Kew	J & P Carman

BEST IN DIVISION

Open Division

Paph. Mt. Toro G & M Hazledine

First Division

C. Angel Walker x Lc Bonanza Queen
I Attenborough

Second Division

C. Kew J & P Carman

REGISTRAR'S CHOICE

Paphiopedilum Mt. Toro
G & M Hazledine





Lc Valentine Day `Osborne`



Lc Valentine Day `March`



C Angelwalker x Lc Bonanza Queen.



Encyclia alata



C Mini Purple



Paph. Mt. Toro.